

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 18, 19, and 26-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim et al. (US 6,255,130) in view of Akamatsu et al. (US 6,414,730).

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicants have amended claims 18 and 26 to further define the invention. Accordingly, claims 18, 19, and 26-28 are pending for consideration.

All Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 18, 19, and 26-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim (US 6,255,130) in view of Akamatsu et al. (US 6,414,730). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection for at least the following reasons.

Independent claims 18 and 26, as amended, recite a liquid crystal display device including, in part, a pixel electrode that includes “a first end portion overlapping the silicon layer and laterally spaced apart from the gate electrode to not overlap the gate electrode.”

In contrast to Applicants’ claimed invention, Kim explicitly discloses that the pixel electrode 82 overlaps the gate electrode 26, and Akamatsu et al. explicitly discloses the pixel electrode 69 does not overlap the silicon layer 54. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that Kim and Akamatsu et al., whether taken singly or combined teach or suggest the combination of features recited by amended independent claims 18 and 26, and hence dependent claims 19, 27, and 28.

For at least the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 18, 19, and 26-28 are neither taught nor suggested by any of the applied prior art references, whether taken alone or in combination. Applicants respectfully assert that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) should be withdrawn because the above-discussed novel combinations of features are neither taught nor suggested by any of the applied references, whether taken alone or in combination.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments, reconsideration and the timely allowance of all pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

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37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such as an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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